April 12/Day 102

<u>1 Samuel 15</u>

Verses 1-3

- What did the LORD send Samuel to do?
- Which name of God is used here? Do you remember that this is the name for God which means He commands the heavenly armies?
- Who does the LORD say He is going to utterly destroy? Amalek is a picture of sin.

Verses 4-9

- In what way did Saul warn the Kenites?
- Who was king of Amalek at the time?
- What did Saul do with the booty? What had God said to do with it in verse 3 above?

Verses 10-16

- What did the LORD say about Saul to Samuel?
- It seems like God is saying He made a mistake, but does God make mistakes? Do you remember in Noah's days how He said He was sorry He made mankind? He is all-knowing, did mankind's sinfulness catch Him off-guard?

Verses 17-19

- According to Samuel, had Saul had an arrogant attitude?
- Who anointed Saul king? Samuel? Or God?
- What did Saul do that was evil in the sight of the LORD?

Verses 20-21

• Did Saul tell Samuel the whole truth?

Verse 22

- The LORD has set out specific instructions for sacrifice, but what does Samuel say is better than sacrifice?
- How does this apply to us?

Verse 23

• Saul thought he could disobey God then offer sacrifice to cover his sin. What does Samuel say his rebellion is like? Divination is witchcraft.

- And insubordination is the same as worship of a false god? Why? Because you are walking independently of God, therefore self is god, a false god.
- What has God decided to do to Saul because of his disobedience?

Verses 24-31

- Why did Saul say he had sinned? Because of what emotion? People-pleasing is another form of idolatry.
- In what way was the tearing of Saul's robe symbolic?
- Verse 29 states "He is not a man that He should change His mind". Some will use this verse to claim God never changes His mind, but this is not true. There are other passages in which people pray and God relents. In its context, this is about God not changing His mind on the subject of Saul's kingdom coming to an end.

Verses 32-33

• What did Samuel do to Agag? Did he finish the job God told Saul to do?

Verses 34-35

• This last part of the passage is so sad.

1 Samuel 16

Verses 1-5

- Read verse 1. Observe what it is saying. How does this example apply to our lives?
- Where was God sending Samuel?
- What was Samuel afraid Saul would do?
- To what city did Samuel travel? Remember this.

Verses 6-11

- What did he assume about Eliab when he saw him?
- Review verse 7. What is the application for us? Some believe we can tell who is and is not a Christian by the way they look. Is this true? Maybe we can tell if they are religious, but we can not tell if they are a Christian because we cannot see their hearts.
- Did God choose any of Jesse's sons who passed before Samuel?

Verses 12-13

- "Ruddy" means he had a reddish complexion.
- What was the name of the young man?

• What came upon him?

Verses 14-23

- When the Spirit came upon David, from whom did it depart?
- What came upon Saul? Who sent it? Does this make you question anything?
- What did it do to Saul?
- Who was asked to come play the harp for Saul?
- How did Saul feel about this young man?
- What did the music do for Saul?

<u>1 Samuel 17</u>

Verses 1-11

- What was the name of the champion of the Philistines?
- Where was he from?
- How big was he? (this was about 9'9")
- How was he arrayed?
- In what way did he taunt Israel?
- How did this man make Saul and the army of Israel feel?

Verses 12-16

- What were the names of Jesse's three sons in Saul's army?
- How many days did Goliath taunt Israel?

Verses 17-19

• What news did Jesse wish to hear from the valley of Elah?

Verses 20-23

• What did David hear at the battle line?

Verses 24-25

• What would be given to the man who killed the champion?

Verses 26-27

• What did David ask?

Verses 28-30

• What was his brother's attitude toward David?

Verses 31-40

- What two animals had David killed to protect his father's sheep?
- Why do you think they keep referring to the Philistines as uncircumcised?
- Did David wear the armor Saul provided?
- What did he take from the brook? What did he take in his hand?

Verses 41-47

- In what way did Goliath curse David?
- Review verses 45 through 47. Whose name did David invoke?
- To Whom does the battle belong?

Verses 48-49

• Where did the stone hit the giant?

Verses 50-54

- How did David finish the job?
- What did the rest of the Philistines do?
- Where did he take Goliath's head?

Verses 55-58

• What did Saul inquire of David?

See you tomorrow.